


<p>New York State Department of Transportation Central Permit Office 50 Wolf Road, 1st Floor Albany, New York 12232</p> 	<h2 style="margin: 0;">DIVISIBLE LOAD NOTICE</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">DLN# 09-05</p>
	<p>SUBJECT:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Use of 53 foot trailers on Divisible Load Permits</p>
	<p>Date: 5/01/2009</p> <p>Supersedes: Previous Policy Issued By: William J. Morris DL Unit Supervisor</p>

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GENERAL:

One major area of concern and need was the ability of Divisible Load customers to use 53 foot trailers with their permitted power units. At the time the Regulations and Law for Divisible Load permits were written in the 1980's, the use of 53 foot trailers was not allowed in New York State and such trailers were not widely used by the trucking industry. Since then, the use of 53 foot trailers has increased significantly across the United States, New York and Canada, making it a necessity for the trucking industry to be able to use these trailers with their permitted power units. Currently the use of these trailers are limited by law to Qualifying and Access highways only, which are considered controlled highways, and by design, have been engineered to handle bigger vehicles of both dimension and weight. The use of longer trailers is being requested for trailer fleet utilization purposes and is not intended to increase any of the existing permit classes for maximum gross, grouping or axle weights currently allowed.

The ability of customers to use 53 foot trailers has been requested by several industries; logging, fuel, bulk milk, and garbage. This modification would allow these carriers to load more products on fewer trailers, resulting in fewer trips by carriers with attendant benefits including lower fuel costs, less truck traffic and lowered truck emissions.

NEW POLICY EFFECTIVE AS OF 4/8/2009:

- Customers may now add / use 53 foot trailers on certain permit types
- Permit types allowed: 4,7,6A,6B,9
- Use of 53' foot trailers is limited to Qualifying and Designated Access Highways per New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, 385.3(e).
- For a list of Qualifying and Designated Access Highways go to:
 - [www.nypermits.org/Publications/Official Description of Designated Qualifying & Access Highways Manual](http://www.nypermits.org/Publications/Official%20Description%20of%20Designated%20Qualifying%20&%20Access%20Highways%20Manual).

REFERENCE:

- Use of Fifty-three foot trailers – See, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, 385.3(e).